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The History of the Most Famous Historic Frand of the Century Published for the First Time.

Washington, March 39, 1882.—[Special correspondence of The Sunday Herald.]—The author of one of the most remarkable houses ever perpetrated upon the American public was in Washington last week. This was the Hon. Frank Cowanof Greensburg. Pennsylvania, the son of Edward Cowan, who in 1861 was one of our most distinguished United States Sonators, and the New Original Time devoted a mumber of columns to the Norse discoveries. Its letter was written by a Dane, and and it stated that he had just received a letter from the university of Copenbagen, which stated that no Professor Raffinused had ever been connected with that university, and that the so-calied Icelandic inscription was probably a fraud. This man also wrote to Joseph Henry, who answered that "The Runic inscription was an unmitigated hoad—a lie without the accompaniment of washington, and that it was done for the purpose of assisting the sale of a newspaper published in Washington."

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Another queer thing about the hear was that beats ran excursions to Great Falls in order that the people might see the inscription, and the advertisment of one of these lies before me. It states that a large and commedicus packet beat has been chartered to go up on Wednesday, and that it will take visitors to see the great Runic discovery at the Great Falls, which is now the most interesting locality in America.

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paper punished in Washington."

Bow the board as second tour of the world. He is a man of fine culture, a poet, a lawyer and a member of a number of the best known scientific societies of the world. It was white he was in the White House that he conceived and executed this remarkable hear, which set the scientists of this contry and Europe to investigating the leeshadic discovery of America, which caused the Washington newspapers to run out extras discussing it, and was of so scientific a nature that it has even crept into history, and to-day has a part in some of the stories of the discovery of this continent. Just now when the World's fair is attracting so much attention to Columbus, the story of this attempt to wreat from him his inurels, will be especially interesting. It was on Mr. Cowan's part, a piece of boyish fun, and it is from him, and from the newspaper reports and the scientific documents of the day that I take this story.

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I asked Mr. Cowan how he happened to think of the scheme, and he replied that it was through the study of Danish books, and the total me how he went to the library, and sudded for days in order to acquire familiarity with Danish and Icelandic hiscory, and with the old Icelandic hiscory, and the told me how he went to the library, and studied up the o HOW THE HOAY WAS INVENTED.



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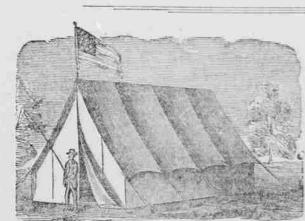
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